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SUBJ: VISIT BY INDIAN MP

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1. NARENDRA KUMAR P. SALVE, FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OLD, IS AMONG THE MORE INFLUENTIAL CONGRESS PARTY MPS. HE WAS FIRST ELECTED FROM HIS MADHYA PRADESH CONSTITUENCY TO THE LOK SABHA IN 1967 AND RE-ELECTED IN THE 1971 MID-TERM POLL. LAST MONTH HE WAS ELECTED A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CONGRESS PARLIAMENTARY PARTY. SALVE IS A PRO-ESTABLISHMENT MAN AND HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH CURRENT KARNATAKA GOVERNOR UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT. AT PRESENT HE REPORTEDLY HAS CLOSE LINKS WITH SANJAY GANDHI AND THE SHUKLA BROTHERS, MADHYA PRADESH CHIEF MINISTER S.C. SHUKLA AND INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING MINISTER V.C. SHUKLA.

2. SALVE WAS BORN IN MADHYA PRADESH BUT RECEIVED HIS HIGHER EDUCATION AT LUCKNOW UNIVERSITY. BY PROFESSION HE IS A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT. HE IS REPORTEDLY A MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE ENGLISH DAILY OF CENTRAL INDIA, HITAVADA, AND IS ALOS INVOLVED ON THE BUSINESS SIDE OF THE BOMBAY WEEKLY CURRENT, WHICH EDITORIALY HAS PRO-SANJAY ACCENTS.

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3. WE DO NOT KNOW SALVE PERSONALLY AND OUR EFFORTS OVER

THE LAST WEEK TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT HAVE
MET WITH EVASIVE POSTPONEMENTS. HE APPARENTLY HAS BUSINESS
ARRANGEMENTS TO CONDUCT IN JAPAN AND WILL TO TO THE U.S.
(OR NOT) DEPENDING ON HOW THESE WORK OUT. HE HAS
PROMISED TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WHEN HIS OWN PLANS GELL MORE
FIRMLY. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT VAN DUSEN SIT TIGHT UNTIL
IT BECOMES SOMEWHAT CLEARER HOW SERIOUS SALVE IS ABOUT
SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF ANY PROPOSED TRIP TO THE US. IF HE
IS INTERESTED ENOUGH TO GET BACK IN TOUCH WITH US, WE'LL
HAVE A BETTER IDEA ABOUT WHEN HE MAY GO AND WHAT HE MIGHT
WANT TO DO IN THE US AND WHETHER IN FACT HIS VISIT HAS MUCH
OFFICIAL PUSH BEHIND IT.
MEAN INFORMED US JULY 7 THAT THEY NOW UNDERSTOOD THAT
SALVE'S VISIT TO THE US HAS BEEN PUT OFF FOR THE TIME
BEING.
SAXBE

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